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APPENDIX B TO PART 63—SOURCES DE-FINED FOR EARLY REDUCTION PROVI-SIONS

Source	Location of def inition
Organic Process Equipment in Volatile Hazardous Air Pollutant Service at Chemical Plants and Other Designated Facilities.	56 FR 9315, March 6, 1991, An- nouncement of Negotiated Rulemaking
a. All valves in gas or light liquid service within a process unit b. All pumps in light liquid service within a process unit c. All connectors in gas or light liquid service within a process unit d. Each compressor	

- e. Each product accumulator ves sel
- f. Each agitator
- g. Each pressure relief device h. Each open-ended valve or line i. Each sampling connection sys-
- tem
 j. Each instrumentation system
- k. Each pump, valve, or connector in heavy liquid service
- Each closed vent system and control device

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Appendix C to Part 63—Determination of the Fraction Biodegraded ($F_{\rm bio}$) in a Biological Treatment Unit

I. Purpose

The purpose of this appendix is to define the procedures for an owner or operator to use to calculate the site specific fraction of organic compounds biodegraded (F_{bio}) in a biological treatment unit. If an acceptable level of organic compounds is destroyed rather than emitted to the air or remaining in the effluent, the biological treatment unit may be used to comply with the applicable treatment requirements without the unit being covered and vented through a closed vent system to an air pollution control device.

The determination of $F_{\rm bio}$ shall be made on a system as it would exist under the rule. The owner or operator should anticipate changes that would occur to the wastewater flow and concentration of organics, to be treated by the biological treatment unit, as a result of enclosing the collection and treatment system as required by the rule.

Unless otherwise specified, the procedures presented in this appendix are designed to be applied to thoroughly mixed treatment units. A thoroughly mixed treatment unit is a unit that is designed and operated to approach or achieve uniform biomass distribution and organic compound concentration

throughout the aeration unit by quickly dispersing the recycled biomass and the wastewater entering the unit. Detailed discussion on how to determine if a biological treatment unit is thoroughly mixed can be found in reference 7. Systems that are not thoroughly mixed treatment units should be subdivided into a series of zones that have uniform characteristics within each zone. The number of zones required to characterize a biological treatment system will depend on the design and operation of the treatment system. Detailed discussion on how to determine the number of zones in a biological treatment unit and examples of determination of fbio can be found in reference 8. Each zone should then be modeled as a separate unit. The amount of air emissions and biodegradation from the modeling of these separate zones can then be added to reflect the entire system.

II. Definitions

Biological treatment unit = wastewater treatment unit designed and operated to promote the growth of bacteria to destroy organic materials in wastewater.

- $f_{
 m bio}$ = The fraction of individual applicable organic compounds in the wastewater biodegraded in a biological treatment unit.
- $\begin{aligned} F_{bio} &= \text{The fraction of total applicable organic} \\ &\text{compounds} &\text{in the wastewater biodegraded in a biological treatment unit.} \end{aligned}$
- Fe = The fraction of applicable organic compounds emitted from the wastewater to the atmosphere.
- K1 = First order biodegradation rate constant, L/g MLVSS-hr
- $\begin{array}{l} KL = liquid\text{-phase mass transfer coefficient,} \\ m/s \end{array}$
- M = compound specific mass flow weighted average of organic compounds in the wastewater, Mg/Yr

III. Procedures for Determination of fbio

The first step in the analysis to determine if a biological treatment unit may be used without being covered and vented through a closed-vent system to an air pollution control device is to determine the compound-specific $f_{\rm bio}$. The following procedures may be used to determine $f_{\rm bio}$:

- (1) The EPA Test Method 304A or 304B (appendix A, part 63)—Method for the Determination of Biodegradation Rates of Organic Compounds,
- (2) Performance data with and without biodegradation,
- (3) Inlet and outlet concentration measurements.
 - (4) Batch tests.
- (5) Multiple zone concentration measurements.
- All procedures must be executed so that the resulting f_{bio} is based on the collection system and waste management units being